

REMARKS

The Office action of June 27, 2003, has been carefully considered.

Claims 17 through 35 and 37 through 39 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Montgrain, while Claims 36 and 40 have been rejected under 35 USC 103 as obvious over Montgrain in view of Manabu et al.

Independent Claims 17, 34 and 37 have now been amended to recite that the orifices of the invention are disposed on a substantially planar surface. This amendment is in accordance with the embodiment of the invention shown in Figure 2, and described in the specification at page 9, line 8 through page 10, line 5.

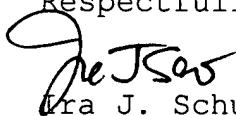
In accordance with the amendments to Claim 17, Claims 24 and 25 have been cancelled.

The invention as now claimed clearly differs from Montgrain, in which a plurality of orifices is disposed on top of protuberances.

Since the invention as now claimed is not disclosed or suggested by the cited references, withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. An early allowance of the application with amended claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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